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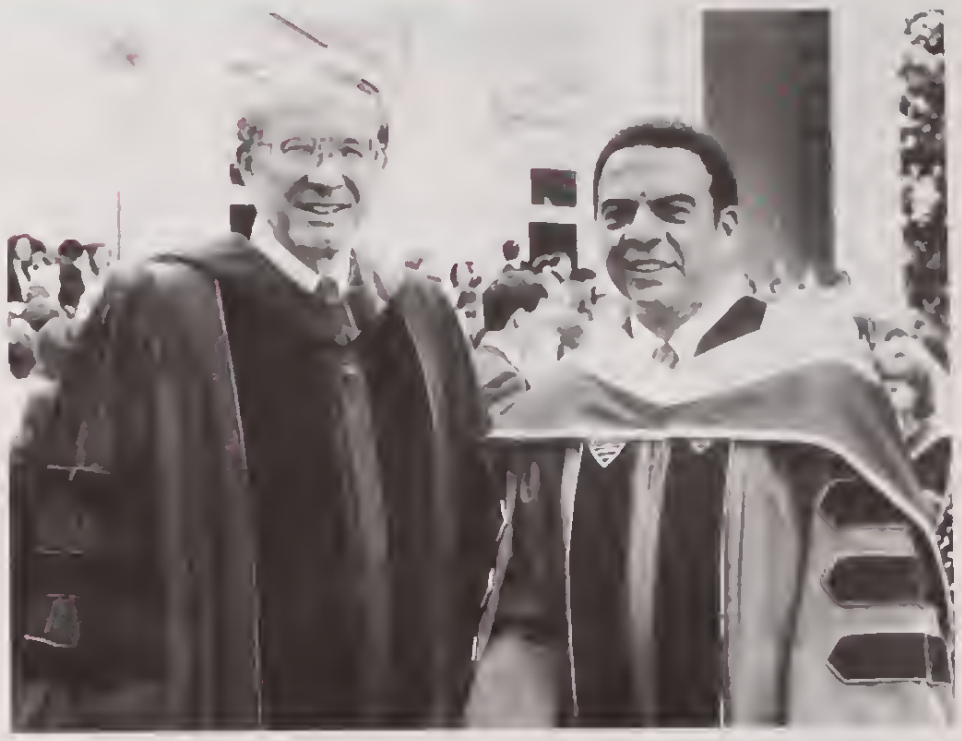

President Douglas Oldenburg and Commencement speaker Andrew Young

NINETY-THREE COLUMBIA graduates gathered May 13 at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta for Commencement exercises. Andrew Young, former mayor of Atlanta, read from Romans 12 and addressed the graduates.

He said, "We have given our lives as a living sacrifice. The tension now is whether we will be led by the Spirit of God or molded in traditional directions that have patterned ministries down through the ages." As he spoke of the "priestly function" of ministers, he continued, "It is essential that we establish some regular religious routine in the lives of our parishioners. We must be practicing the presence of God in our daily lives!"

After the service, Peachtree hosted a reception for graduates, their families and friends, and the faculty.

The 4:00 service followed the 11:00 a.m. baccalaureate service held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. The Rev. Perky Daniel, pastor of Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta read Romans 5:1-11 and preached the baccalaureate sermon, "A Well-Worn Word."

During this 158th commencement, President Douglas Oldenburg presented each graduate with a diploma, assisted by Philip Gehman, vice president for student life. Each graduate was congratulated by John Conant, chairman of Columbia's Board of Directors, and hooded by Glenn Bucher, vice president for academic affairs.

One minister, Tore-Kristian Lang of Fredrikstad, Norway, received the Doctor of Sacred Theology degree, and 32 ministers received the Doctor of Ministry degree as their second professional degree.

Forty-five received the Master of Divinity degree, including eight who received the degree with distinction: Carol Boggs, Karen McLean, Jane Huffstetler, Lynette Solomon, Martha Sexton, Richard Newsome, Laura Newsome, and Robert Reese.

The seminary also awarded 11 Master of Theology degrees and three Master of Arts in Theological Studies degrees. Kemira Denlea received the Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree with distinction.

Seven graduates were recognized for academic excellence and received special awards. Carol Boggs received the Wilds Book Prize for graduating with the highest distinction in academic work over the entire seminary program. Jane Huffstetler received the Florrie Wilkes Sanders Prize in Theology for a paper showing sound theological scholarship and relevance to the needs of contemporary Christians.

Carol Boggs and Richard Newsome shared the Samuel A. Cartledge New Testament Exegesis Award for the best New Testament exegesis during the academic year. Each received a cash award and a copy of the Greek New Testament. Carol Boggs also received the Presbytery of St. Andrew Women of the Church Preaching Award for the best sermon preached by a student during the academic year.

Jane Huffstetler, Karen McLean, and Lynette Solomon shared the James T. and Celeste M. Boyd Memorial Book Fund Award given to persons who intend to build their collections of theological books as a resource for their ministry

Two graduate fellowships were granted to students who plan to pursue degrees beyond the master's level. Lori Knight-Whitehouse received a Columbia Friendship Circle Graduate Fellowship, and Carol Boggs was awarded the Harvard A. Anderson Fellowship, given to the graduate determined by the faculty to have the greatest potential for future academic achievement. ☐

Dr. James Newsome, Professor of Old Testament, is pictured with two of his children atCommencement. Both Richard and Laura graduated with distinction. Professor Newsome will teach.the first course in the Florida program this fall.

Columbia begins program in Florida

PRESIDENT DOUGLAS W. OLDENBURG has announced that Columbia Theological Seminary will begin a program for theological studies in Orlando, Florida, this fall. The action was approved by the seminary's Board of Directors at its spring meeting in April.

Dr. Oldenburg said, "This is an exciting new venture for Columbia Seminary. An increasing number of second-career men and women are being drawn to ordained ministry, and we are seeking to make it easier for them to be exposed to solid theological education. We are grateful for the strong encouragement we have received from our Presbyterian (USA) friends in Florida. This is truly 'an idea whose time has come!'"

Three courses will be offered during the 1990-1991 academic year: fall term, Survey of the Old Testament, taught by Dr. James Newsome; winter/spring term, Survey of the New Testament; and summer term, Introduction to Ministry, taught by Dr. Jasper Keith. Professor Newsome is serving as Columbia's interim director of the program.

The three courses are designed so that they could be transferred into the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in Theological Studies program at Columbia's Decatur campus. Colum-

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From the President

Douglas W. Oldenburg

VIRTUALLY EVERYDAY I am reminded of those essential staff people at Columbia who are so critical to our daily operations and the well-being of our institution. I am thinking of the ones who usually work behind the scenes, who seldom receive any accolades for their hard work, and yet go about their tasks with dedication and determination. They work for Columbia not because we pay such high wages (we don't), but because they too believe in what we are doing. The truth is that most of them would be paid more at some other job!

There are the secretaries and administrative assistants: the ones who answer phones, type letters, arrange schedules, file reports, and do a thousand other necessary things. I have always said that a good secretary can make you look better than you really are, and a bad secretary can make you look worse than you are. Thank God, Columbia has a lot of good secretaries!

There is the financial staff: the ones who account for the money we receive each day, keep detailed records, and write the checks to pay the bills, etc. Other seminaries have twice the number of persons in the financial office as Columbia. That's a tribute to their hard work!

There are the folks who work in our library: the ones who buy books, classify books, reclassify books, stack hooks, repair books, and mail books. How seldom we think of all it takes to keep a library running smoothly! And what about those who keep our bookstore well supplied!

There are the maintenance and custodial people: the ones who cut the grass, clean the rooms, and fix things when they break. Although we contract some of our daily cleaning to outside companies, Cecil Moore and his small team accomplish wonders considering our 57 acres, 6 major buildings, 16 faculty homes, and student apartments in our Village.

There are those who work in the kitchen: the ones who plan meals, buy and cook the food, and wash the dishes. They keep doing it day after day with a good spirit and a smile on their faces.

To be sure, we can always find things to criticize. But I am profoundly grateful to those on our staff who seldom come center stage or hear the applause, but who keep working behind the scenes to help make it all happen.

I wish we could print all their pictures in *Vantage*; perhaps someday we will. It would make a lovely composite of those wonderful folk who are such an important part of the Columbia family.

Wherever I go, people are saying good things about Columbia Seminary. They tell me we're doing a good job. I want to pass it on to those who seldom hear it. Thank you!

Robert Lynn

Robert Lynn to address Directors

ROBERT W. LYNN will address Columbia's Board of Directors at a board retreat on September 30 and October 1 at the Decatur Holiday Inn. Dr. Lynn is former vice president of religion for the Lilly Endowment, Inc., and is currently Scholar in Residence at Bangor Theological Seminary.

He will give two addresses. His first address will focus on the importance of theological education and the role of directors, and the second will concentrate on issues facing theological education today.

The seminary's Board of Directors is holding this retreat to discuss the ongoing curriculum review and other upcoming issues. The Board of Directors will hold the fall meeting on campus October 2, immediately following the retreat. ☐

Support grows for PC(USA)'s 1% Plan

SUPPORT CONTINUES TO increase for the Theological Education Fund of the PC(USA). Many churches have made their commitments for the 1990 calendar year, and the evidence demonstrates that more are prepared to join in this effort to strengthen theological education.

Several years ago, following the merger of the two Presbyterian denominations, studies indicated that a new and more effective method should be found to help our seminaries perform their missions. In the old systems, the southern branch had relationships with synods, while the northern sector was closely connected with their General Assembly. Both systems are now being replaced.

The new plan, called the Theological Education Fund (and known as the "1% Plan"), asks that each local congregation in the denomination contribute one percent of its local program budget to the fund. The Committee on Theological Education of the PC(USA), which supervises the Theological Education Fund, asks that the 1% Plan funds be a new gift rather than money taken from other commitments.

The 1% plan is based on the concept that each church should be involved in preparing future leaders of the church. In effect, the local congregation becomes a part of the current operating support base for all 11 theological institutions.

The Committee on Theological Education distributes the funds to each of the 11 theological institutions of the PC(USA) according to a formula. This formula is based on a number of factors, including past funding sources, number of students graduated over a four-year period, number of Presbyterian students, and so forth. The formula has received unanimous approval of the 11 theological institutions.

President Douglas W. Oldenburg has said, "I am pleased that over 10 percent of the congregations in the Presbyterian Church (USA) participated in the new theological fund last year and especially pleased that churches in the Southeast were so supportive. I am confident that considerably more churches will join us in 1990 and the number will grow from year to year. We are deeply grateful to those churches that have responded, and we challenge those who have not included it in their budgets for 1990 to consider it for their 1991 church budgets. It is critically important that each local church know that it is participating in the training of its future leaders."

The Reverend Joyce Tucker, director of the Committee on Theological Education in Louisville, reported at this past General Assembly that more than 1,100 churches have already contributed over $1.2 million through this plan for funding theological education. She, too, expects that number to increase as word spreads about the need and success of the program.

The Committee on Theological Education encourages those churches which have had special relationships with individual theological schools to continue those relationships. But the wider spectrum of the 1% Plan will make possible a stronger theological program throughout the entire Presbyterian Church.

For further information regarding the Theological Education Fund (1% Plan), contact Columbia Seminary, 701 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30031, or call 404/378-8821. ☐

Bellah to give address at convocation on September 12

DR. ROBERT N. BELLAH, co-author of *Habits of the Heart* , will give the address at Columbia Seminary's 163rd opening convocation on September 12. Dr. Bellah, Elliott Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, will be on Columbia's campus to lead the faculty seminar, which has been funded by the Lilly Endowment grant. (See article on page 5).

The first year class, many of whom are in the summer Greek School class at the seminary, will be introduced to the Columbia community after Dr. Bellah's address. This fall, the seminary expects an entering class of approximately 55 students in the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theological Studies programs. Approximately 35 percent of that number are female; 11 percent are ethnic/minority students. Forty-two percent are married, including three married couples. The students come from 13 states and Mexico.

Opening convocation will be held at Columbia Presbyterian Church at 11:15. The public is invited. For more information, please call the seminary at 404/378-8821. ☐

James Cone

Cone course offered for spring 1991

A NEW COURSE, "The Future of Black Theology: James H. Cone and New Directions," will be offered during the spring 1991 term at Columbia Seminary. The course will be built around James Cone, one of the foremost voices of black theology in the nation. Dr. Cone will be on campus four times during the spring term for the course.

Dr. Cone, the Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, holds the B.D. from Garrett Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. from Northwestern University. His books include *A Black Theology of Liberation; The Spirituals and the Blues: An Interpretation; Black Theology: A Documentary History, 1966-1979; Speaking the Truth: Ecumenism, Liberation, and Black Theology;* and the upcoming *Martin and Malcolm in America: A Dream or a Nightmare.*

Five Atlanta Theological Association professors will participate in the seminar: Columbia professors Walter Brueggemann, Glenn Bucher, and Shirley Guthrie; Jacquelyn Grant, who wrote *White Women's Christ and Black Women's Jesus* and teaches systematic theology at Interdenominational Theological Center; and Noel Erskine, Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics at Candler School of Theology and author of *Decolonizing Theology.*

Dr. Brueggemann said about the course, "The United States is at the edge of a world revolution in which social relationships are being radically recast. In the recasting, in the U.S., the black/white modes of social relationships are at the center of the crisis. This seminar is to reflect on the crisis in the light of the gospel."

The course, which will meet weekly on Thursday nights, is open to students in all the Atlanta Theological Association seminaries for credit. □

Dr. Oldenburg receives honor

PRESIDENT DOUGLAS OLDENBURG was presented with the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from his alma mater, Davidson College, on May 13. The degree was conferred on the basis of Dr. Oldenburg's 27 years of notable service as a parish minister, his faithful conveyance of Christ's gospel as an educator and seminary president, and his vigorous advocacy of economic justice to the poor.

It was a memorable weekend for the president. He preached the baccalaureate sermon, "Let Your Minds Be Renewed," for Davidson on May 12. On May 13, after receiving his own degree, he watched his son, Todd, receive a B.A. in psychology. President Oldenburg left the ceremony to catch a flight back to Atlanta just in time to preside over Columbia's commencement exercises. □

President visits Korea, Japan

ON MAY 14, President Douglas Oldenburg left with his wife, Claudia, and their son, Todd, for Korea. He had been invited by the president of the Presbyterian Seminary and College in Seoul, Dr. Young Gil Maeng, to give an address at the centennial anniversary celebration of the arrival of Samuel Moffett, founder of the seminary, to Korea. Dr. G. Thompson Brown, visiting professor at Columbia, and Mrs. Brown also were part of the celebration.

The Oldenburgs and Browns hosted a breakfast for all Columbia alumni/ae in Korea. Dr. and Mrs. Brown also visited the seminary in Kwangju, which he had started in 1960 when they were missionaries in Korea.

At the request of Dr. Maeng, Dr. Oldenburg lectured on "Christian Faith and Economic Justice," relating his remarks to the rapidly emerging Korean economy. Dr. Brown gave a lecture on Dr. Moffett. In addition to his address at the seminary, Dr. Oldenburg lectured at Yonsei University and preached at the Sei Moon An Presbyterian Church in Seoul.

Just prior to the visit by the Oldenburgs and Browns, students at the seminary had begun a protest against the decision of the Board of Directors to move the seminary to another location. When the Oldenburgs and Browns arrived, students were occupying the office of the president and had stacked his furniture in the parking lot! Dr. Oldenburg commented, "Compared to President Maeng's problems, mine are simple!"

After spending a week in Korea, the Oldenburgs traveled to Japan, where they visited Presbyterian missionaries and enjoyed several historic sites. In Tokyo, they were hosted by the Friendship Force Club of Tokyo, the organization with which Mrs. Oldenburg works as a director of Friendship Force International. □

1990 graduates

Master of Divinity placements

Lucy Aldridge
Roy Bain, Pastor (continuing), United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Georgia
Susan Boardman-McKissack, Pastor, St. John Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, Tennessee
Carol Boggs, Pastor, Estill Presbyterian Church, Estill, South Carolina
Harry Brazell, Pastor (continuing), Hopewell and Concord United Methodist Churches, Ellaville, Georgia
Steven Bryant, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee
Sidney Burgess
Laura Carlson-Aull
Robert Chastain, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers, Florida
Tae Su Cheong, Pastor, St. Petersburg Korean Presbyterian Church, Penellas Park, Florida
Elizabeth Deibert, New Church Development, Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery, East Montgomery, Alahama
Kevin Dorsett, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Live Oak, Florida
Scott Ellington
Mark George, Pastor, Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church, Sandy Springs, South Carolina
David Gibbs, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Galesburg, Illinois
Mary Stewart Hall, Clinical Pastoral Education, Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia
Wilbur Howie, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Pontotoc, Mississippi
Jane Huffstetler, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Tully Hunter, Clinical Pastoral Education, Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center, Atlanta, Georgia
Dolores Ingraham, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, Mississippi
Todd Jenkins, Pastor, Fort Valley Presbyterian Church, Fort Valley, Georgia
Gloria Jennings, Pastor, Clifford Memorial Presbyterian Church, Grovetown, Georgia
James T. Kiser, Pastor, Westminster Preshyterian Church, Westminster, South Carolina
Lori Knight-Whitehouse, Pastor, LaFayette Presbyterian Church, LaFayette, Georgia
Amanda Lape-Freeberg, Interim Associate Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Snellville, Georgia
Donald Lawson, Pastor, St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, Mississippi, and Saltillo Presbyterian Church, Saltillo, Mississippi
Natalie Lester, Clinical Pastoral Education, St. Madeline Sophie Training Center, El Cajon, California
Helene Loper
Robert Madsen, Associate Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick, New Jersey
John McLean, Co-Pastor, Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, West Virginia
Karen McLean, Co-Pastor, Fayetteville Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, West Virginia
Michael Murdock, Nuclear Engineer, Ebasco Services, Inc., Norcross, Georgia
Laura Newsome, Associate Pastor, Roswell Presbyterian Church, Roswell, Georgia
Richard Newsome, Associate Pastor, Spring Hill Presbyterian Church, Mobile, Alabama
Laura Norris, Clinical Pastoral Education, University of North Carolina Memorial Hospital, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
Robert Reese, Pastor, Senatobia Presbyterian Church, Senatobia, Mississippi
Martha Sexton, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, North Carolina
Robert Sherman, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota, Florida
Jungshik (Brian) Shin, Pastor, Korean Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio
Tommy Sikes, Pastor, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Meridian, Mississippi
Earl Smith, Pastor, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Florida
Lynette Solomon, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Enid, Oklahoma
Holly Tickle
James Weldon, Associate Pastor, Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida
Nathan R. Wheeler, Associate Pastor, Bethel Presbyterian Church, Davidson, North Carolina

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Jack Daniels, Atlanta, Georgia
Kemira Denlea, Atlanta, Georgia
Joan Quattrocchi, Atlanta, Georgia

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Continuing Education Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write: Sara Covin Juengst, Director of Continuing Education, or Robert S. Smith, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

September 7-8 *Tongues of Fire*: Study in the Book of Acts An exploration of Acts using the Presbterian Women's 1990-91 study book. Leader: Sara C. Juengst. Cost: $20

September 13-15 Writing for Publication This intensive two and one-half day workshop will offer experienced and aspiring writers the chance to explore the "nuts and bolts" of getting published. Leader: Ronald Tapp. Cost: $75

September 28-29 C.S. Lewis and Friends: A Celebration of Imagination A unique opportunity to gather with other "friends of Jack Lewis" to explore his work and share personal reflections on the impact of his writings and the writings of Lewis' friends, Charles Williams, J. R. R. Tolkien, and others. Leaders: Dabney Hart and Pat McGeachy. Cost: $50.

October 7-12 A Week at Koinonia and Habitat for Humanity
Each year Columbia Seminary sponsors a continuing education experience in one of Georgia's poorest counties. The purpose is to experience two communities committed to living out the Christian faith. Koinonia Partners is an internationally known community begun by Clarence Jordan in the 1940s. For two and one-half days, our group listens to the stories of the Koinonia "partners," joins them in worship and communal meals, and participates in the work of the community. At the International Headquarters of Habitat for Humanity in Americus, we learn about this rapidly growing program of low cost housing for the poor. There is an opportunity there, too, for worship and hands on participation in house-building. Leader: Sara Covin Juengst. Cost: $100.

November 27-29 Becoming the Body of Christ: Worship as Renewal, Restoration, and Return A conference for clergy, educators, church musicians and lay leaders who seek in worship Living Water for the Thirsty, Bread for the Hungry, and Wine for the Journey. This conference is designed to empower people who plan and lead Reformed Worship in local congregations and governing bodies in the Presbyterian Church (USA). It is designed around the Directory for Worship and Hymnal. Workshops related to the Hymnal, Directory, and Supplemental Liturgical Resources will also be offered. Co-sponsored by Columbia Theological Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Seminary, and the Theology and Worship Unit of the PC (USA). Cost: $50

Columbia offers seminars for ministers

Columbia's annual continuing education program, "January Seminars for Ministers" will be held on January 8-10, 1991. The seminars will feature a 12-hour course on "Texts for Year B of the Lectionary: Psalms and Samuel," which will be offered by Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia. This course will offer helpful interpretations for preaching on these texts with integrity and insight.

Dr. C. Benton Kline, President Emeritus and Visiting Professor at Columbia, will teach "Getting Acquainted with the Directory for Worship and the Study Guide." Dr. Kline, author of the study guide, will offer practical help on how to introduce the directory to a congregation.

Dr. William B. Johnson, executive director of Parkside Recovery Place of Atlanta, a center for the treatment of alcoholism, drug dependency, eating disorders and psychiatric illnesses, will lead a seminar entitled, "Adolescents and Addiction: An Intergenerational Understanding." This course will be valuable not only for clergy, but for youth workers and parents of adolescents, as well.

Other course offerings are: "The Theology of the Cross", a study of the biblical understanding of suffering, led by Dr. Charles Cousar, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, and "Moral Issues in the Christian Community", a multi-media consideration of pressing contemporary ethical issues which Christians face, such as abortion, euthanasia, and the "Living Will," led by Dr. Frederick Bonkovsky, Professor of Christian Ethics at Columbia.

Preachers for the seminars will be Dr. James Costen, president of the Interdenominational Theological Center, and the Rev. Joanna Adams, pastor of the North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia. ☐

Fall Lay School planned

The Fall Lay School of Bible and Theology will be held on four consecutive Monday evenings in September and October: September 17 and 24 and October 1 and 8. Classes will be offered on the Columbia campus in the following areas:

Who is the God of the Old Testament? — Dr. Ludwig Dewitz

The Book of Acts — Dr. David Moessner

Does Faith Change? — Dr. George Stroup

Christian Caregiving — Dr. Jasper Keith

The registration fee for each course is $25 ($20 for members of a Joint Venture Church). To register or for more information, please call 404/378-8821, or mail your name, address, choice of class, and $25 to Lay School, Columbia Seminary, Box 520, Decatur, Georgia 30031. ☐

Forum 1991 January 28-31

SMYTH LECTURER J. Christiaan Beker, Professor of New Testament Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
ALUMNI/AE LECTURER Douglas J. Hall, Professor of Christian Theology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada
FORUM PREACHER P.C. Enniss, Pastor, The Reformed Church, Bronxville, New York. ☐

Brian Wren to visit Columbia

Dr. Brian Wren of Oxford, England, well-known theologian, poet, educator, and hymn writer, will be on the Columbia campus October 24. Dr. Wren is the author of 11 of the hymns in the new Presbyterian Hymnal. He is highly respected as an expert in liturgy and music.

From 10-11:30 in the Columbia chapel, Dr. Wren will lead a forum presentation on "Hymns in Worship." This will provide an opportunity to become acquainted with some of the hymns he has written, and with the mechanics of hymn-writing.

A mini continuing education workshop will be held from 1:30-4:00 in the seminary's Harrington Center on: "Worship Design: Faithfulness and Innovation." This workshop will be of special interest to ministers, educatiors, church musicians, and prospective hymn writers. The cost of the mini workshop is $20. Call or write Sara Juengst for further details. ☐

Hilton Head event scheduled

For the last four years, three presbyteries and five institutions have been working together to create a continuing education center on Hilton Head Island. This work has come to fruition and the first cooperative continuing education event is now being offered.

The event, "The Word Fitly Spoken: Improving your Preaching Skills," will be held September 23-25 at the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head, South Carolina. It will feature outstanding preachers and teachers who will provide not only practical know-how but inspiration and challenge.

The keynote speaker is Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, who will make presentations on Sunday night and Monday morning. Workshops on a variety of preaching skills will be offered on Monday and Tuesday. Topics include: Preaching as Art Form, Preaching on Stewardship, Preaching Styles for Varied Contexts, Preaching with Humor, Using Resources from Literature, Preaching on Doctrine, Preaching on Hope, Preaching to Real Needs, and "How to Stay Alive When You Have to Preach 48 Times a Year!" Preachers for the event will be Will Ormond, Henry Mitchell, Ella Mitchell, Jim Lowery, and Jan Blissit.

There will also be an opportunity for rest and relaxation on one of South Carolina's most beautiful beaches. Overnight accommodations will be at nearby motels. Registration fee is $75, which includes two breakfasts and two lunches. For further information, contact Sara Juengst at Columbia. ☐

Conference set for church administrators

Each year, Columbia offers courses designed to help church secretaries and other administrative personnel obtain certification. This year, on November 16, a five-hour course on Church Polity will be taught by Dr. Robert Ramey of the Columbia faculty. A two-hour course on "Office Relationships" will be taught by Professor Lee Carroll, Director of Supervised Ministry at the seminary. The cost of the event is $35. Contact Sara Juengst at Columbia for further details. ☐

Composites of the Class of 1990 are available from the Office of Seminary Relations, Columbia Semianry, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031. Composites have been mailed to all 1990 graduates. ☐

Authors lead Faculty Seminar as part of program review

With the $137,900 grant awarded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., for program and curriculum review, Columbia Seminary has begun discussing issues in theological education appropriate to the seminary. A major focus this year will be the Faculty Seminar, organized by Professor Erskine Clarke. Twenty faculty members will be participating.

The Faculty Seminar, to be held eight times during the year, will "explore the big picture of religion and contemporary American culture," according to Dr. Clarke. Led by Robert Bellah, Steven Tipton, and William Sullivan, three of the five authors of *Habits of the Heart* and the upcoming *The Good Society*, the seminar will have these two books as its point of departure. Additional readings are scheduled through the year. For each seminar, a member of Columbia's faculty will respond to an initial presentation by Professors Bellah, Tipton, or Sullivan. Another Columbia faculty member will moderate the discussion that follows, present the afternoon's discussion to the full faculty at dinner, and preside over the discussion that follows.

The first seminar, to be held on September 12, is "American Character and Culture in Conversation," led by Dr. Bellah, Elliott Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. The discussion will include readings from Habits *of the Heart, Individualism and Commitment in American Life*, and "Christian Faithfulness in a Pluralist World."

The October 10 seminar, "Understanding the Self: A Conversation among Sociology, Psychology, and Theology," will be led by Dr. Tipton, Associate Professor of Sociology of Religion at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. The seminar will continue readings from the September seminar.

"Centrist Public Church or Alternative Community?" will be the December 12 seminar, led by Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon of Duke University. Their book, *Resident Aliens*, along with Glenn Tender's *The Political Meaning of Christianity*, will be the focus as the group discusses the role of the church in an increasingly pluralistic, secular society. Respondents will be Dr. Tipton and the Rev. Joe Harvard of Durham, North Carolina.

This seminar, which will continue into next spring, follows several meetings held by the faculty during this spring and summer. On May 10, Barbara Wheeler, President of Auburn Theological Seminary, spoke at a faculty forum. She reviewed recent national studies on theological education. The faculty then discussed two pieces which had been read, Charles Wood's *Vision and Discernment* and a paper by David Kelsey. Following the discussion, the faculty identified and set in priority the most important issues of theological education confronting Columbia.

Robert Bellah

In late May, the faculty's Curriculum Committee met with three consultants: Belle Miller McMaster, Director of Corporate and Social Ministry for the PC(USA); Cameron Murchison, Presbyterian minister of Blacksburg, Virginia; and Richard Mouw, Provost at Fuller Theological Seminary. The group discussed Professor Clarke's paper, "The History of Columbia Seminary: Implications for the Present," and identified specific issues facing the seminary. The committee also made plans for the faculty retreat, August 28 and 29, 1990.

During that retreat, the faculty will discuss three faculty papers: "What Does It Mean to Be a Reformed Seminary in the Contemporary World?" by Dr. James Newsome; the paper by Dr. Clarke; and "Learning: Full of Grace and Truth" by Dr. Walter Brueggemann. In addition, a faculty panel on the "socialization of students" will discuss ways students learn outside the classroom. "This will give us a chance to think about the whole learning process, rather than just courses and hours of credit," Dr. Charles Cousar, chair of the Curriculum Committee, said.

Three consultants will participate in the faculty retreat. Professor Robert Schreiter of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Professor Gayraud Wilmore of Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and Provost Mouw of Fuller will respond to the papers and the panel.

Dr. Glenn R. Bucher, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said, "The faculty's intention during the first year of the Lilly grant is to discuss issues with themes in theological education — at Columbia and on the national scene. We have begun! Clearly, this fall will be an important time in the life of the discussion. We are most fortunate to have the participation of the faculty and the resource persons." □

1990 graduates
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Doctor of Sacred Theology

Tore-Kristian Lang, Fredrikstad, Norway

Doctor of Ministry

Thomas Baufhman, Beaufort, South Carolina
Edwin Bernard, Texarkana, Texas
Floyd Berrier, Charlotte, North Carolina
John Boyd, Concord, North Carolina
John Bryan, Augusta, Georgia
David Clark, Atlanta, Georgia
William Dantzler, Birmingham, Alabama
Harry Durbin, Jackson, Tennessee
Webster Edwards, Kingston, Jamaica
Raymond Gamble, Jensen Beach, Florida
Larry Hill, Hephzibah, Georgia
Robert Horne, Decatur, Georgia
Leonard Howard, Montgomery, Alabama
Joseph Jursa, Orange Park, Florida
Fred Keith, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
Colin Lambert, Devonshire, Bermuda
Asa Meadows, Huntington, West Virginia
Robert Morris, Stone Mountain, Georgia
John Pierce, Marietta, Georgia
Michael Quicke, Pietermartizburg, South Africa
Shirley Richards, Birmingham, Alabama
James Roberts, Birmingham, Alabama
Mary Kay Sapp, Nagoya, Japan
Robert Scotland, Iva, South Carolina
Mary Sferre, South Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
Mary Steves, South Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
Philip Summerlin, Signal Mountain, Tennessee
Bruce Taylor, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina
Manning Thornton, Homewood, Alabama
Coit Troutman, Summerville, South Carolina
John Vining, Stone Mountain, Georgia
Harold Warren, Lake Wales, Florida

Master of Theology

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Mary Charlotte McCall

McCall joins administrative staff

Columbia Theological Seminary has announced the appointment of Mary Charlotte McCall to the position of Assistant to the Dean of Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Ms McCall, who joined the staff in May, has assumed responsibility for the Florida feasibility study, institutional self-study and accreditation planning, grants research for academic support, and review of institutional policies and procedures. She will also teach the writing course this fall.

Ms. McCall holds the B.A. from Florida Presbyterian College and the M.A. and J.D. degrees from Florida State University. She comes to Columbia with a variety of skills and experience. During 1988 and 1989, Ms. McCall served as executive director of Volunteer Lawyers' Resource Center of Florida, Inc., and as staff attorney in the office of the Capital Collateral Representative, agencies which provide legal representation for death row inmates. She also served as a consultant to Florida Impact, a state-wide coalition of religious bodies. Previously, she practiced law, conducted research at the college level, and taught social policy and social ethics, German, and mathematics at the graduate and undergraduate levels. She is a certified mediator.

Ms. McCall is a member of the PC(USA) General Assembly Committee on Social Witness Policy and chair of its personnel committee. She was as an elder at First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, and has served as its clerk of session.

Glenn R. Bucher, Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs, said, "Mary Charlotte McCall brings experience and skill in institutional planning, teaching, foundation relations, the law, and local and national Presbyterian work to her Columbia position. Registrar Elsie Urie and I are most pleased that she has joined the Office of Academic Affairs." □

For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

Andrea **Pfaff '76** was elected by the General Council , PC(USA), as director of the Evangelism and Church Development Ministry Unit of the General Assembly. She is the second Columbia graduate to be staff director of a General Assembly Ministry Unit. The other is **George Telford '58**, director of the Theology and Worship Unit.....**Dean Chapman** (DMin '82) presented a paper, "Mark: Origins and Glosses," at the International Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Vienna.. It is a sequel to last year's paper, which he presented at the international meeting in Copenhagen.....**Rex King '69** has been involved in counseling alcohol/drug addicts. He is chaplain at C.P.C. Laguna Hills Hospital in California, where he has designed an outpatient chemical addiction recovery program called First Step.

Lucy Rose, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia, was speaker at a Montreat retreat for the Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church of Knoxville. She has preached at Northminster church in Macon, GA, and at First church, Tuscaloosa, AL, and was workshop leader at the Montreat Bible and Theology Conference.....**Drew Tomberlin '87** is an active duty Navy chaplain, serving the 3rd Battalion 11th Marines in Twentynine Palms, CA.....**Leeann Rogers '87** and Alan Scarborough were married last year. She is pastor of First church, Piedmont, AL. The church celebrated its centennial in May.....**Brian Childs**, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Columbia, is on sabbatical until February. He is theologian in residence at Georgia Baptist Medical Center, working with all staff on interdisciplinary care. He is also teaching seminars and lecturing to ethics committees. Dr. Childs has had articles published in *Journal for Pastoral Care, Pastoral Psychology, Journal of Religious Education*, and the *Princeton Seminary Bulletin*.

Ruthanne Strobel, Technical Services Librarian at Columbia, and Richard Huff were married Feb. 17 in Atlanta.....**Edward Hopper '52** was honorably retired from First church, Lexington, KY.....**William Jokela '78** is a chaplain at Ft. Gordon, GA.....**Jack Walker '64**, pastor of First church, Eastman, GA, is also associate for smaller church, Savannah Presbytery.....**Charles Moffatt '51** was honorably retired from First church, Gallatin, TN.....**Lawton Daughterty '56** is pastor of Little River-Dominick church, Kinards, SC.....**Charles Tucker '86** has been called as pastor of the First church, Milan, TN.....**Elise Ledbetter '86** is chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.....**John Galloway** (DMin '88), clinical director of the Pensacola Office of United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, has been licensed by the State of Florida as a marriage and family therapist.....**Jean Davidson '89** was installed as associate pastor of First church, Talladega, AL, in May.

Sidney Turney-Ayer '66 has been honorably retired from the Acworth, GA, church.....**Shirley Guthrie**, Professor of Systematic Theology at Columbia, taught Sunday school each Sunday in May at Decatur church. In June, he lectured on Calvin and Barth on a study trip to Switzerland and Germany, sponsored by Morningside church, Atlanta. In August, he taught at the Synod School for the Synod of South Atlantic in St. Simons, GA.....**Sara C. Juengst '83**, Director of Continuing Education at Columbia, led a retreat for Presbyterian Women of First church, Greenwood, SC, and was inspirational speaker at Teacher Appreciation Dinner at First church, Douglasville, GA. In July, she preached at Midway church, Decatur, and was worship leader for the Global Mission Conference at Montreat. Ms. Juengst led two workshops on worship at the South Atlantic Synod School.....**Ron Smith '87** is pastor of First church, Lexington, NC.....**Daniel Donaldson '75** (DMin '84) is director of the Calvin Center for Greater Atlanta Presbytery.

G. Thompson Brown, Visiting Professor at Columbia, preached and gave several presentations at the annual mission conference of Grace church in Montclair, NJ. In May, he was at the Presbyterian Seminary in Seoul, Korea, where he took part in the centennial celebration of the arrival of Dr. Samuel Moffett, the seminary's founder and first president. He went to Kwangju, where he had served as president of Ho Nam Seminary. He gave lectures there and preached in Korean in several churches. On this same trip, he was invited by the Yodogawa Christian Hospital in Osaka, Japan, to attend the celebration of the completion of a major addition to the hospital. He represented the Global Mission Unit, PC(USA), and brought greetings.....**Bryant Harris '86** is pastor of the Morningside church, Columbus, GA.....**Mary Beth Asher '92** and **Scott Lawson '92** were married in June.....**Plythe Williams** (MAYM '88) and Michael Gibbons were married last October.....**Sue Boardman '90** and **Bill McKissack '87** were married in May.

Peter Denlea '89 has been called as pastor of Ormewood church, Atlanta.....**Walter Brueggemann**, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, has preached at Village church, Kansas City, and at St. Philip Cathedral, Atlanta. He has lectured at Andover Newton Seminary, Anderson University, and at "Peace-Making 2000." Dr. Brueggemann taught at Boston College and was awarded an honorary degree from Doane College. His articles and book reviews have appeared in *Zeitschrift fuer Alten Testamentum Wissenschaft, Theology Today, Theological Journal*, and *Sojourner*. Dr. Brueggemann's book, *First and Second Samuel*, has been published by Westminster/John Knox Press for the Interpretation series.....**Sally Foster '92** and **Stuart Fulton** (Spec. '90) were married May 19.

Beverly Gaventa, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, read a paper, "Disciple, Prophet and Mother: Mary in Luke-Acts," at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association at the University of Notre Dame.....**Sarah Speed '88** has begun studies in the graduate division of religion at Emory University.....**Preston Shealy '86** and Debbie Budnik were married in April in Champaign, IL.....**Robert Ramey**, Professor of Ministry at Columbia, has returned from sabbatic leave after preaching and teaching in Australia, New Zealand, and Rarotonga. He led a retreat for ministers and their spouses of North Alabama Presbytery and has preached at the West Point, GA, church and at Old Brick church, Decatur, AL, where he led the spiritual growth services. Dr. Ramey led a leadership workshop for Presbyterian Women of St. Luke's church, Dunwoody, GA, and taught church school and preached at the Jefferson, GA, church.....**Gray Norsworthy '85** is pastor of the Covenant church in Staunton, VA.

Charles Cousar '58, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, delivered the Leith Lectures at First church, Auburn, AL, in May. He led an officers retreat for St. Andrews church, Tucker, GA, on the theme, "Discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew." Dr. Cousar's book, *A Theology of the Cross: The Death of Jesus in the Pauline Letters*, has been published in the Overtures to Biblical Theology series by Augsburg-Fortress Press.....**Rebecca Parker**, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Columbia, taught a workshop at Mo Ranch for the Women's Conference in June. She has preached at the Alpharetta, GA, church, Ray Memorial church in Monroe, GA, Druid Hills church in Atlanta, and at Pleasant Hill church, Duluth, GA.....Robert Wills '58 received the D.Min. degree in 1988 from Fuller Theological Seminary.....**John Zachry '72** is in the D.Min. program at Lancaster Theological Seminary. He is a Christian Church pastor in Landover, MD.

Laurie Wallace Barbour '89 continues her Ph.D. work in religious ethics at the University of Virginia. She is also supply preaching at Yanceyville Christian Church.....**John Barbour '88** is pastor of Louisa and Kirk O'Cliff churches in Virginia.....**Benton Kline**, President Emeritus and Visiting Professor at Columbia, preached at the Agnes Scott College Alumnae Weekend Worship Service and led a workshop retreat on the Director for Worship for Eastminster Presbytery in Akron, OH. His book, *A Study Guide for the Directory for Worship*, has been published by Presbyterian Publishing House. His articles have appeared in *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*.....**James Smith '53** has recently retired from service in Israel under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.....**Jey Deifell '66** has been called as pastor of First church, York, PA.

John Leith '43 has retired as Pemberton Professor of Theology at Union Seminary in Richmond after 31 years on the faculty there. He will be a member of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, for the coming academic year and is writing a book on basic Christian belief.....**Miriam Dunson** (DMin '85) is an associate in Older Adults/Family Ministries, Education and Congregational Nurture Ministry Unit, Louisville, KY.....**Melana Scruggs '87** and Bert Simmons were married June 23. She is continuing her work on a master's degree at University of Florida and is interim pastor of Faith church in Melrose, FL.....**David Moessner**, Associate Professor of New Testament at Columbia, is spending his sabbatic leave at the University of Basel. In June he gave a lecture at the University of Geneva Faculty of Theology on

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BIRTHS

To Deck '82 and Jean Guess, a daughter, Anne Cullen, June 11, 1989.
To Penny '86 and Richard Hill '87, a son, Philip Griffin, May 18, 1990.
To Dean '88 and Linda Strong, a son, Chapman Thaddeus, July 9, 1990.
To Holly '90 and Phil Tickle, a daughter, Megan Alexandra, April 18, 1990.
To Jim '91 and Holly Caprell, a son, Joshua Stephen, June 17, 1990.
To Keith '91 and Cathy Riddle, a son, Iain Keith Robertson, April 1, 1990.
To Catherine Taylor '92 and Robert Dean, a daughter, Mary MacRorie Dean, May 8, 1990.

DEATHS

Robert Schwanebeck '46, April 15, 1990.

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"'The Christ Must Suffer:' Resignifying the Cross in the Theology of Luke-Acts."....**Tyler Bailey '52** was honorably retired from the Macon Road church, Bartlett, TN, in March.

Wade Huie '46, Professor of Homiletics at Columbia, had conferences with church leaders and with faculty at Presbyterian Seminary in Dunedin, New Zealand, and with faculty at United Seminary in Sydney, Australia. In Fiji, he spoke and consulted with faculty members and with PC(USA) missionaries. He preached to the Tongian congregation of Suva.....**Lewis Fowler '68** is associate presbyter for church development, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.....**Christine Wenderoth**, Associate Librarian and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Columbia, attended the American Theological Seminary Library annual conference in Evanston, IL. She is president of the Presbyterian and Reformed Library Association (a sub-organization of ATLA) and is on the Board of Directors of ATLA. As a member of that board, she was appointed to the board's Long-Range Planning Committee. Dr. Wenderoth's articles on "Imagination" and "Lying" were published in the *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*.

A.C. Bridges '56 received the Doctor of Divinity degree from Erskine College during Commencement exercises in May. Mr. Bridges is pastor of the Back Creek A.R. Presbyterian Church in Newell, NC.....**Ben Johnson**, Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Columbia, has led an evangelism seminar for Twin Cities Presbytery in Minneapolis and preached at East Main church, Grove City, PA; Hopewell church, Huntersville, NC; General Assembly, Salt Lake City; Marble Collegiate Church, New York City; and Smyrna Campground, Conyers, GA. Dr. Johnson

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From the Bookstore: Books by Columbia faculty members

New and recent titles by Columbia Seminary faculty members:

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	By **Justo González**:		
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____	*Mañana: Christian Theology from a Hispanic Perspective*	$13.95	$11.86
	By **David Moessner**:		
____	*Lord of the Banquet* (a fresh approach to the Lukan travel narrative)	$29.95	$25.46
	Co-edited by **John Patton**:		
____	*Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling* (unparalleled pastoral reference with articles by Brian Childs, Shirley Guthrie, Ben Johnson, Jasper Keith, Ben Kline, Theron Nease (deceased), John Patton, George Stroup, and Christine Wenderoth, all of Columbia)	$59.95	$50.96

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Development/Seminary Relations

By James F. Dickenson
Vice President, Development/Seminary Relations

Costs continue to rise

THE COSTS OF theological education continue to rise more than those of inflation. One of the larger cost increases is found with the students and their families. It simply costs more to live today than it did two or three years ago. To help offset some of that cost for students, the seminary provides scholarship/work aid to relieve some of the financial stress. But, in doing this, the scholarship portion of the seminary budget continues to climb upward at a dramatic rate.

To put it forcefully and simply, to enable students to prepare themselves for future leadership in the church, the seminary must have more scholarship funds. Of course, costs in other areas of institutional life are increasing also, but the need for student aid is becoming paramount.

There are several ways you can help the seminary with its financial needs:

1. By giving through the Annual Fund. The annual fund is a part of the budget which makes it possible for the seminary to balance its financial operations. Individual donors, members of the Board of Directors, President's Advisory Council, Columbia Friendship Circle, alumni/ae, faculty/staff, and other groups participate in the annual fund, which operates through our fiscal year, July 1 through June 30. This fund is one of the cornerstones of the budget and needs to show growth each year. Should you wish to give to scholarship aid, one way is through the annual fund.

2. By giving to Capital/Endowment Funds. These funds are used for two purposes. The first is for providing apartments/dorm rooms, student center, library, classrooms, the upkeep and renovation of these and the rest of the campus, and other capital costs which every institution faces in maintaining appropriate facilities.

The second purpose for these funds is to build up the endowment. By setting aside significant sums of money and receiving only the income from these funds, the seminary is saved from the uncertainty of major ups and downs in the economy and can therefore budget better for its present and future needs.

Endowment funds can be established for scholarship aid, for the purchase of library books, for the maintenance of buildings, for underwriting academic chairs, and for a host of other needs. Only a part of the actual income from these funds is used, thus allowing the endowment funds themselves to grow and keep pace with inflation.

Columbia Seminary has been very fortunate over the years in having the support of friends who know the importance of a theological institution. More and more people are becoming aware of the broad range of services which seminaries are providing to the church and to humankind in general.

Our thanksgiving and appreciation for this good past support are coupled with our deepest hope and prayers for an even stronger Columbia Seminary in the years and decades to come. You can continue to make that happen. ☐

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led an evangelism workshop and preached at First church, Fargo, ND, and preached and spoke at the Evangelism Leaders Academy for Church of the Brethren in Los Angeles and in Portland, OR. He conducted a family life retreat for First church of Houston, held at Mo Ranch.

David Gunn, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, visited Jordan in May to take part in an archaeological dig at Tell Nimrin, an ancient site in the Jordan valley across the river from Jericho.....**John Patton**, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Columbia, co-led a workshop with Professor Marie McCarthy on Roman Catholic and Protestant Understandings of Pastoral Theology at the annual meeting of the American Association of pastoral Counselors in Williamsburg. May also marked the culmination of over nine years work as associate editor of the *Dictionary of Pastoral Care and Counseling*. Dr. Patton was also the author of 24 long and short articles in the *Dictionary*, including those on "Pastoral Counseling" and "Pastoral Supervision." The July issue of *Lectionary Homiletics* included his brief articles on the "pastoral implications" of the five lessons from the ecumenical lectionary for the sixth through tenth Sundays after Pentecost.

Jim Overbeck, Director of the Library and Associate Professor of Church History at Columbia, attended the meetings of the American Theological Library Association. He helped the Presbyterian/Reformed Library group work out a plan to microfilm church publications of all the church groups which have come together to form the PC(USA) so that each Presbyterian seminary library can have complete collections of these materials.....**Lynn Edwin Shurley Jr '74** is pastor of First church, Paducah, KY.....**Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner**, Adjunct Professor of Practical Theology at Columbia, was a guest lecturer in a systematic theology seminar at the University of Basel in April. In June she was a translator for the "Frauentag" (Women's Day) at the Basel Mission's 175th anniversary. This conference brought together women in missions from four continents. ☐

Weekends for prospective students planned

EACH YEAR, COLUMBIA invites all who wish to explore a call to the vocation of ministry to attend one of two Conferences on Ministry. These weekends include both those who have made a decision about ministry and those who are only beginning to test the waters. The weekend provides a chance to consider the idea of ministry by talking with students, faculty, and staff, sitting in on a class, worshipping with the seminary community, and finding out about curriculum, student housing, and financial aid.

Todd Speed, a new student at Columbia, attended the conference last year. "The weekend was a turning point for me. I discovered a diverse group of people who were all searching and questioning. We found a sense of community on campus and professors and staff who were open and supportive of what we were going through in the decision-making process. We got a sense of the changing, dynamic, educational community that is Columbia and saw why it is on the forefront of theological education." Todd began Greek school in July and will enter the first-year class in September.

Register now for the Conference on Ministry held October 19-21, 1990, or February 22-24, 1991. For more information on these prospective student weekends, contact Rebecca Parker, Director of Admissions, Columbia Seminary, P.O. Box 520, Decatur, Georgia 30031; 404/378-8821. ☐

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bia is committed to offer courses for the 1990-91 academic year. Early in 1991, a decision will be made regarding courses for 1991-92 and beyond.

The fall course will be taught on Saturdays, 10:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 3:00, from September 8 through November 17 (excluding October 13) at First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. Courses may be audited, as well as taken for credit.

For information on the program, please contact Dr. Tino Ballesteros at First Presbyterian Church, 106 E. Church Street, Orlando, Florida 32801 or Dean Glenn R. Bucher, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Columbia. ☐

Elizabeth Deibert and Holly Tickle received the Master of Divinity degree from Columbia on May 13. They are pictured with their daughters, Emily and Megan. Ms. Deibert's husband, Richard, received the M.Div. from Columbia in 1989, and Ms. Tickle's father, Charles Scott, received the M.Div. from Columbia in 1969 For more information on graduation and placements, see pages 1 and 3.

Join the Columbia community for opening convocation on September 12.

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